

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 52

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Sharron J. Brown for her advocacy against sex trafficking and human exploitation.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Sharron J. Brown, who has dedicated her life to empower, inspire, and help others overcome hardship in their lives; and

WHEREAS, a traumatic incident in Ms. Brown's childhood led her into a life of abuse, inner turmoil, and human exploitation. Her experiences and her determination to help others inspired her to write *I Found My Voice*, a powerful story chronicling her journey from suffering to self-actualization; and

WHEREAS, a human exploitation ambassador validated by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Sharron Brown travels across the country advocating against sex trafficking and human exploitation to youth, college students, religious groups, medical professionals, political professionals, and those in the community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her advocacy work, Ms. Brown is a certified life coach assisting a diverse group of clients on their own life journeys, the author of several publications, including *The Masterminds of Mentoring and Human Maturity*, an award-winning humanitarian, and a noted speaker; and

WHEREAS, a successful and hardworking entrepreneur, Sharron Brown is the owner of three clothing stores, a real estate agent and developer, and a corporate trainer; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the esteemed National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) and the National Business Associate of Women; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Ms. Brown recently received the NCNW 2016 Marie Willie Brown Courage Award and was named Humanitarian 2016; and

WHEREAS, Sharron Brown epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Ms. Brown for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Sharron J. Brown for her steadfast advocacy against sex trafficking and human exploitation, commend her dedication to improving the lives of her fellow citizens, and extend to her our best wishes for continued success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.